

Commission on Human Rights

KY Human Rights Commission meets this week to rule on discrimination complaints

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights will meet Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to rule on discrimination complaints for the people of Kentucky. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at commission headquarters, 332 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40206, in the 14th floor conference room.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act, and, through its affiliation with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, enforces federal civil rights laws.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations. Discrimination is prohibited in all these areas based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, and disability. In employment, discrimination is further prohibited on the basis of age (40-years and over) and on the basis of tobacco-smoking status. In housing, discrimination is further prohibited based on familial status, which protects people with children in the household under the age of 18-years old, and it protects women who are pregnant. It is also a violation of the law to retaliate against a person who has made a discrimination complaint to the commission.

For more information, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For details about civil rights and commission activities, visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov

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